

## Day 2

[Enter Joshua from left, with Simone, Judy, Andrea, and Phil following behind. Joshua leads them around the stage. Followers are breathing heavily, look tired.]

Joshua: Alright, just a bit further, aaaand... we can stop right here and rest for a minute. [They all sit down/fall on the ground.]

Simone: Man, this life-changing journey is a lot harder than I thought.

Judy: I'm starting to wonder why I came on this trip. What I would do to sit on a sofa right now.

Phil: I don't think I'm ever going to get up from this spot.

Joshua: I never said it would be an easy journey, but think about how great things will be when we get to Zion Falls.

Judy: You mean *if* we get to Zion Falls. I don't know if I can go much further.

Joshua: Of course you can, Judy. Trust me. Have I let you guys down yet?

Simone: No you haven't. You did show us that secret path off the trail that helped us around one of those caves.

Andrea: Yeah, and you made us that incredible chicken last night.

Phil: Mmmm, that was good chicken. I still have some leftovers.

Simone: And don't forget, you taught us how to build a fire, like this. [She demonstrates building a fire.]

Joshua: I will always be here for you guys. All you need to do is trust me and I promise you will make it to Zion Falls, and once you get there, you will not be disappointed. What do you say, Judy? You think you can trust me?

Judy: I guess you haven't let us down yet. I'll give it a shot.

Joshua: Awesome! Trusting me to lead you guys is going to be really important on this journey, especially with where we're going today.

Simone: Where are we going today?

Joshua: We're taking this road another mile to the bridge across the Western Canyon. Now the bridge can be a bit shaky, but if you follow me carefully, you'll be fine.

Phil: Is it safe?

Joshua: I wouldn't recommend jumping off. The fall is at least 1000 feet. But don't worry, I'll take care of you guys. All you need to do is follow me.

Judy: I'll try.

Joshua: That's great! Well, let's get moving. If we hurry, we can cross the bridge and make it to the next town for lunch.

Simone: Let's go!

[They all exit right following Joshua. Enter Montague left with bag.]

Montague: Well this isn't good. That Joshua has brought them through every challenge on the journey so far. Sounds like they really trust him now. At this rate, they'll be at Zion Falls before the end of the week. Guess it's time to get serious. Let's see what I have in my old bag of tricks [he searches through his bag]. No... not that... nope... [pulls out some TNT] perfect! I'll destroy the bridge! Then they'll give up and come with me. But I'll have to get there fast. Luckily, I know a shortcut.

[Montague exits right. Bridge is uncovered. Joshua and his followers re-enter left and head to the front of the stage. Montague enters left and heads to the bridge. He sets TNT at the side of the bridge.]

Joshua: There it is, the bridge across the Western Canyon. Now remember what I said. This bridge is old and a bit shaky, so you need to trust me. And be careful.

Simone: We will. You haven't let us down yet, so I'm ready to follow you wherever you go.

Andrea: This is going to be great. We'll cross this bridge in no time! [Montague approaches the group.]

Montague: I'm sorry, did I hear you guys say you were planning on crossing the bridge?

Phil: That's right, Mr. Montague. Joshua said we need to cross it to get to Zion Falls.

Montague: Cross it? I wouldn't even get near it! I was just trying to go across when it started to wobble. I thought I heard some boards cracking. I barely made it off alive. That thing is dangerous.

Judy: Dangerous? I'm not so sure about this.

Joshua: I told you guys it would be difficult. Now Mr. ...

Montague: Montague.

Joshua: Mr. Montague, I appreciate your care for my team and me, but I've crossed this bridge many times before. I know exactly what I'm doing, and I know I can safely lead these guys across if they just trust me.

Montague: That's fine with me, just trying to give a friendly warning, that's all. I mean, I wouldn't try to lead anyone across, but that's just me. They chose to follow you, not me.

Joshua: Indeed. Good day, Mr. Montague. [Montague goes away, hides behind a tree.] Well he was... interesting. Anyway, time to go. Follow me, and be careful. [They all walk over to the right side of the bridge.] The bridge can't support two people at once, so we'll have to go one at a time. I'll go first. [He walks across confidently but safely.] See, easy.

Phil: I'll go next.

Montague: [To crowd] We'll see about that! [Montague pulls a rope, activating the TNT. A large explosion sound plays and the rope brings down all but one side of the bridge. Everyone else ducks and covers their heads.]

Andrea: What was that?

Phil: The bridge is out! What are we going to do?

Judy: I knew we should have listened to Mr. Montague and gone back. Now we're stuck in the middle of the frontier with no guide and no idea how to get back home!

Joshua: It's OK guys. You can do this. All I need is for someone to bring me the rope. But you'll have to navigate across the small beam that's left.

Andrea: And risk falling? It's not worth it.

Phil: We're doomed! We're going to be lost out here forever!

Judy: Maybe Mr. Montague is still around here. If we're lucky, he'll take us to Montague Mines. Mr. Montague! Mr. Montague!

Simone: Guys, we can do this. We just have to trust Joshua. He's led us this far, and I trust him to get us through now. Phil, hold this end of the rope. I'm going over.

Andrea: Don't do it, Simone. It's too dangerous.

Phil: Are you sure about this?

Simone: I'm sure. I just need to trust Joshua. [Simone ties one end of the rope around her, Phil holds the other end. She starts to cross.]

Joshua: That's it, Simone. Just keep your eyes on me. Don't look down.

Simone: I can do this. [She looks down.] Uh-oh, that's a long way doooown [she starts to lose her balance] aaahhhh! [She trips, is hanging on to the edge.] Help me! Don't let me fall! Joshua!

[Joshua walks back across the bridge, reaches for her, brings her to safety.]

Joshua: Don't worry. I've got you. [He unties the rope, holds it by the end.] Now Phil, tie the other end around you, then everyone hold on and use the rope to cross.

[Phil ties the rope around himself, Andrea and Judy hold on, they all cross.]

Phil: We did it!

Simone: No, Joshua did it. He saved me. He saved all of us.

Joshua: I know that wasn't easy, but you saw that all you need to do is trust me, and I can take care of you.

Andrea: Thank you Joshua! I'm sorry we didn't trust you.

Phil: From now on, I'm going to follow you no matter what happens.

Joshua: Well our journey for today isn't over yet. We're almost at the next town. Let's all hurry and grab some lunch, I'm paying.

Judy: You're paying? You might not be so bad after all.

Joshua: That's the spirit! Come on, let's go!

[They all exit right. Montague comes to center stage.]

Montague: I was so close! Nearly had 'em! Well, I'm not done yet. I think I've got a surprise in store for tomorrow. Mwahahaha.  
[He exits right.]